Appointment of non-Hindu and non-caste Hindu Medical Officers in certain Medical Institutions.

53. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any order or precedent that no non-Hindus or non-caste Hindus shall be appointed as Medical Officers in any of the hospitals or dispensaries in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the places in which such a practice obtains together with the reasons therefor?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), the question does not arise.

Applications for opening Dispensaries.

54. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received by the Administrative Board, Medical Services, praying for the establishment of dispensaries since the creation of the Board and also the places from which such applications have been made;

(*b*) the number of applications sanctioned; and

(*c*) the reasons for refusing the prayers in other cases?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 45. A statement* giving the names of the places is laid on the table.

(*b*) 13.

(*c*) Of the remaining 32 applications, 11 have been found to be unnecessary by the Board, the places concerned being close to other medical institutions, and the remaining are in different stages of correspondence by, and with, the Board.

Destruction of Crops by wild Elephants in the Neduvangad Taluk.

55. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the representation made by Mr. M. Subrahmanya Pillai, Member, Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, at its last session regarding the necessity for the prevention of destruction of crops by wild elephants in the Neduvangad taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The representation of Mr. Subrahmanya Pillai was forwarded to the Conservator of Forests who now reports that the complaint is against a small herd which frequents different places at different times and that he has issued necessary instructions to the Range Officer to scare away the elephants on receipt of timely information from the local people.

Report of the Committee for the revision of pay of the Vernacular School Teachers.

56. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action they propose to take on the

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